

REMARKS

Claims 10, 13-15 and 18-20 remain in the application with assembly claim 10 being the only independent claim.

Claim 10 has been amended to distinguish over the prior art patent publication to Lamich et al and newly discovered US Publication 2002/0084064, which has been cited in co-pending application Serial No. 10/753,692, filed 01/08/2004. More specifically, claim 10 recites that the tank caps 36 are dish-shaped with sidewalls to completely surround a bottom 38 so that the sidewalls 40 engage the entire encompassing interior of the endless periphery of each open end of the tanks 18, 22. Further, claim 10 recites that the connector portion 37 is connected to a sidewall 40 of the tank cap 36 via S-shaped reverse bends 39-41 more narrow than the end caps and with notches 43 in the connection portion. One reverse bend is connected to the end cap above the bottom 38 of the tank cap 36 while the reverse bend is connected to and aligned with the reinforcement member, i.e., the reinforcement member is offset from the top of the end cap whereby the tank extends outwardly of the core.

In contradistinction, the Lamich et al. patent publication shows the connection aligned with the bottom of the caps. In Figure 11, Lamich et al. show a dish shaped end cap but it is not connected to a reinforcement member, let alone connected at the top of the dish-shaped sidewalls. The newly cited publication does not disclose the specific recited configuration of the connection portion with the S-shaped bends aligned with the top of the end cap and reinforcement member respectively and the notches and being more narrow than the end cap.

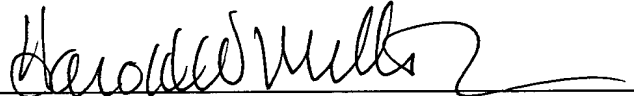
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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Application, as amended, is now presented in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789. Further and favorable reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted

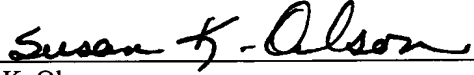
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